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Robert E. Trost, Pacific Flyway Representative Division of Migratory Bird Management U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service 911 NE 11th Ave. Portland, OR 97232-4181

Dear Mr. Trost:

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act and Section 309 of the Clean Air Act, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has reviewed the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's 2013 Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (Final SEIS) for the Issuance of Annual Regulations Permitting the Hunting of Migratory Birds (CEQ No. 20130139).

The 2013 Final SEIS proposes to adopt a process for authorizing migratory bird hunting in accordance with the Migratory Bird Treaty Act (16 US.C. § 703-712) and the four bilateral conventions. These 'annual' regulations which allow for the hunting of migratory game birds in the families Anatidae (waterfowl), Columbidae (doves and pigeons), Gruidae (cranes), Scolopacidae (snipe and American woodcock) and Rallidae (rails, coots, gallinules and moorhens) include framework regulations and special regulations, and take into consideration factors that change from year-to-year such as abundance and distribution of birds, and time of migration.

We rated the Draft SEIS "LO – Lack of Objections" and based on our review of the Final SEIS, we continue to have no objections. Please contact me or Jessica Aresta-DaSilva (aresta-dasilva.jessica@epa.gov; 202-564-1567) if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Susan E. Bromm

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